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SUBJ: MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS OCTOBER 5-7

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1. MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER DR. EMILIO O. RABASA DURING VISIT DAR ES SALAAM OCTOBER 5-7 DISCUSSED WITH SENIOR TANZANIAN OFFICIALS GREATER COOPERATION IN TRADE, CULTURE AND AGRICULTURE. AS MAJOR SISAL PRODUCERS IN WORLD, MEXICO AND TANZANIA REPORTEDLY REACHED AGREEMENT "TO COLLABORATE IN ALL SISAL MATTERS INCLUDING RESEARCH, PRODUCTION, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND EXPORT MARKETING." TWO COUNTRIES AGREED NEED FOR SISAL PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO MEET AND TO DEVISE SOONEST COMMON MARKETING STRATEGY. MEETING SHOULD EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL SISAL PRODUCERS' AGREEMENT WITHIN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS ON HARD FIBERS.

2. IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT END OF VISIT, TANZANIA AND MEXICO REITERATED THEIR COMMITMENT TO CONCEPT OF SOLIDARITY AMONG THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES IN FACING WORLD
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COMMODITY MARKETS. THEY ALSO HAILED VICTORIES OF

LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. ON COFFEE, TWO COUNTRIES AFFIRMED COMMITMENT TO COMPLY WITH RECENT DECISION OF COFFEE PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO VOLUNTARILY REFRAIN FROM EXPORTING 20 PERCENT OF THEIR 1974/75 PRODUCTION IN ORDER TO AVOID OVER SUPPLY.

3. IN STATEMENTS TO PRESS DURING VISIT DR. RABASA ALSO SUPPORTED NYERERE'S APPEAL THAT LDCS WORK TOGETHER, RATHER THAN DEPEND ON DCS. RABASA CALLED ON ALL PROGRESSIVE STATES TO CONTINUE MATERIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS UNTIL WHOLE OF AFRICA LIBERATED. HE SAID MEXICO HAD ALWAYS FORCEFULLY CONDEMNED COLONIALISM, RACISM AND APARTHEID. MEXICO ALSO CONDEMNS, HE SAID, COUNTRIES WHICH MAINTAIN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA CONTRARY TO UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS.

4. DR. RABASA DELIVERED INVITATION FROM HIS PRESIDENT TO MWALIMU TO VISIT MEXICO NEXT YEAR. NYERERE HAS REPORTEDLY ACCEPTED THE INVITATION.

5. COMMENT: ONE TANZANIAN ACADEMIC, PIUS MSKEWA, VICE CHANCELLOR OF DAR ES SALAAM UNIVERSITY, SCOFFED TO DCM THAT TANZANIA AND MEXICO HAD ANYTHING IN COMMON. MSKEWA SAID MEXICO IS TOO FAR AWAY FROM TANZANIA AND ITS CONCERNS TO BE OF MUCH HELP. NEVERTHELESS, TANZANIANS DID PUSH THEIR IDEAS WITH MEXICANS ON THE NEED FOR COMMODITY PRODUCER CARTELS I.E., IN SISAL AND IN REAFFIRMING SUPPORT TO RECENT DECISION BY COFFEE PRODUCERS TO HOLD DOWN COFFEE EXPORTS THIS YEAR. FROM MEXICAN VIEW, DR. RABASA WAS ABLE TO POLISH UP MEXICO'S THIRD WORLD CREDENTIALS BY STATEMENTS SUPPORTING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND CONDEMNING COLONIALISM, RACISM, AND MAINTENANCE ANY TIES WITH RHODESIA OR SOUTH AFRICA. SINCE ESTABLISHMENT EMBASSY HERE BY MEXICO IS SPECIFICALLY TO SEEK TO IMPROVE ITS STANDING IN NONALIGNED WORLD (REF MEMCON), RABASA'S VISIT WAS EFFECTIVE IN FURTHERING THAT PURPOSE.

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